

McGill pressures government over underfunding

by Karen Valihora

McGill Principal David Johnston announced at a press conference Monday that McGill will no longer try to balance its budget through service cutbacks. The move is part of an escalating campaign to pressure the provincial government to increase funding to the University.

"Year after year, we have cut budgets," said Johnston. "We have done more than we ought to in cutting down services and education.

Enough is enough, now it's the government's turn."

The action is a result of dissatisfaction among top McGill Administrators with talks held Sept. 28 with Education Minister Claude Ryan. The recently tabled government proposal indicates McGill will not be receiving what it considers a fair share of \$15 million in new money scheduled to help the underfunding problems of six of Québec's universities this year.

"The Board of Governors has

decided that the University can make no further budget cuts," said John Armour, VP Finance. Unless the government takes corrective action, McGill will continue to finance its operations through bank loans.

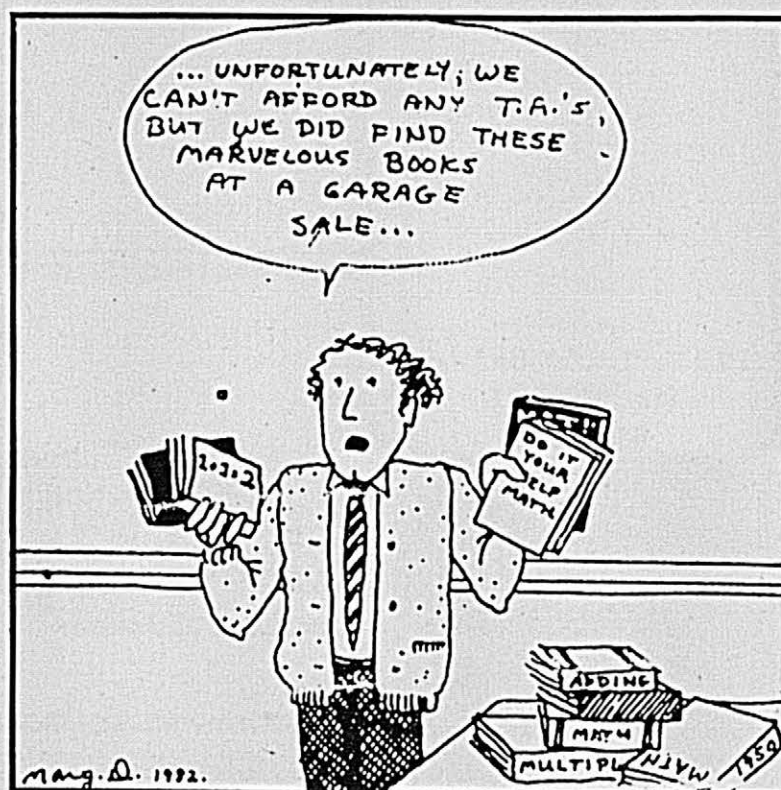
In the last three years, McGill has accumulated deficits totalling \$30 million, and faces an additional \$10 million deficit for this year, \$16 million for the next, if funding remains at levels suggested by the Minister.

According to Johnston, "We are not getting an equitable share of the \$15 million in new money important to us, when we bear 50 to 70 per cent of the relative underfunding of Québec universities."

McGill has borrowed \$25 million from banks to offset operating costs for this year, and if government inaction continues, is expecting to face a deficit of \$55 million by 1989. The Administration is worried about the interest rates accompanying the increased debt load.

Said Johnston, "We cannot allow this to happen. We have been waiting too long already. They keep saying correction can only take place slowly and step by step, but we didn't get the new money this year when we could have."

According to VP Finance John Armour, "(McGill) has faced repeated, annual discrimination and injustice. We have been underfunded by \$15 million per year since 1981-82 compared to other Québec universities. This means McGill has borne \$90 million in underfunding in the last six years."



Armour said McGill deserves a larger portion of the money because of, "McGill's research facilities, which are the most productive in the country, as well as what it costs to teach such special programs as Dentistry and Agriculture. They cost more than Arts courses."

"No other North American university has done so much with so little," said Johnston. "We have reduced library hours, increased the size of classes, delayed the maintenance of buildings, put off buying laboratory equipment, etc. etc. But of course it's going to show in the quality of education. It's going to deteriorate."

"We are not asking for more money because we have a deficit. We are simply asking that we be funded at the same levels, and in accordance with the same rules as those enjoyed by other Québec universities," said Johnston.

Accused of assault

Man arrested on campus

by Stephanie Lachowicz

Montréal police arrested a man on the McTavish Street Reservoir yesterday for resisting arrest after being asked to leave McGill property. The unidentified man was loitering in front of the Education Building after allegedly harassing a female McGill student and assaulting another student the day before.

According to a friend of the woman involved, the man had followed her on Monday from the Education Building down McTavish to the Union Building. The woman entered the Union Building and managed to slip her follower until she left. "The man, wouldn't let her go except when another guy helped her. He then attacked the man who was trying to help my friend," said the woman, who asked to remain anonymous.

On Tuesday, the victim stood up before her Language Arts class and related what had happened, and asked for information about her attacker. "Everyone in the class recognized him. I had seen him the day before, the day of the assault," said one class member who later spotted the assailant in the lobby of the Education Building.

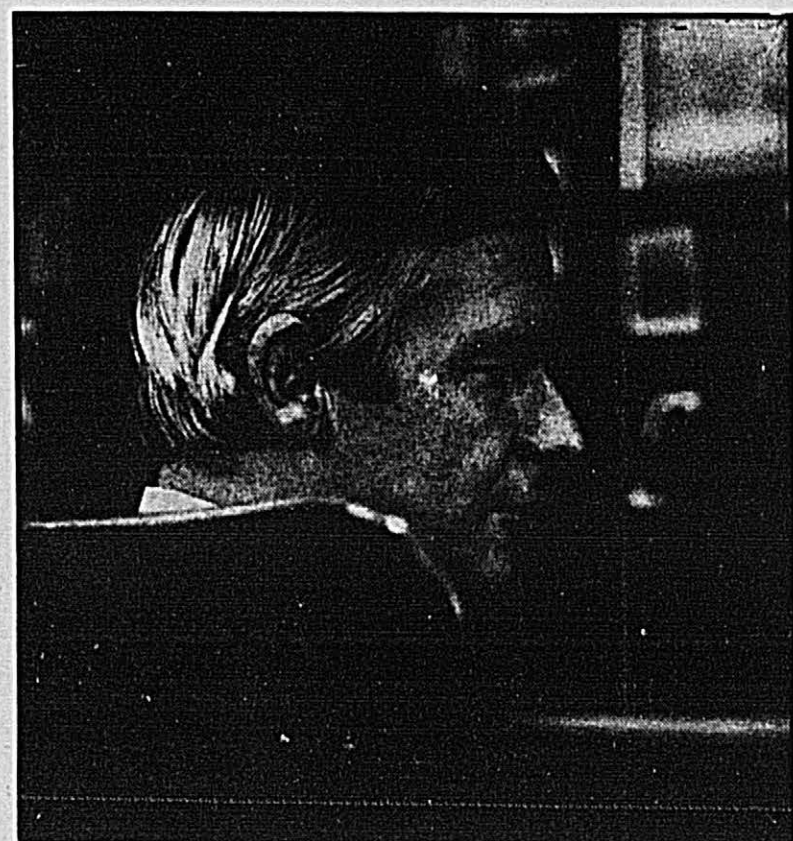
"I was leaving the building on McTavish, and I saw him walking in the front door. I (and another student) kept tabs on him until cam-

pus security came in," he said.

The assailant was asked for McGill ID and escorted outside when he could not produce it. He then loitered in front of the Education Building until the Montréal police were called. According to witnesses, the man had moved across McTavish street to the Reservoir Park when the police arrived.

"The police went into the park to talk to the guy and to get some ID. When they tried to pat him down, the guy struggled and was then arrested," said a witness.

The man was taken to the downtown police station. The woman is waiting to press charges until Friday when she will identify him in a police line-up.



McGill Principal David Johnston

Cleaning out the pot

by Cindy-Ann Thomas

McGill students will be reading a "new and improved" Plumber's Pot this year as the Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) has vowed to make serious changes to the publication's controversially sexist content.

Twenty-three per cent of McGill's engineering students are women (the highest female percentage in Canadian universities), and many of them have begun to attack the Pot for its "crude" and "exploitative" material. As a result, the EUS executive has begun to establish new guidelines that will in effect eliminate the homophobic, racist, and sexist elements that have been characteristic of the Pot.

"This year, it's definitely a new Pot," promised David Tracy, EUS' VP Finance. The seven members of the Executive will be setting up a review board which must oversee and approve each of the Pot's articles prior to release. Of the seven positions, three are held by women.

Tracy promises that although the editors will be much more responsible this year in maintaining a

clean Pot, certain trends will continue.

"We still want it to be crude but within reason. We will still provoke but we are not trying to hurt anyone," he said.

However, many of the Pot's readers were dismayed with the results of the new rules in this year's first publication.

"Although the Pot has to be changed in accordance with the changes in the department - with the increase in women and foreign students - I'll miss the old format. It's going to be a lot less entertaining now," said third year Engineering student Marc Deverteuil.

There was an attempt made by Engineering student Kelli Paquette to completely ban the Plumber's Pot, but many of the faculty's females don't seem to mind it. Some, in fact, will miss the old version.

"Although it is less offensive now, it is no longer as funny. It's actually quite boring now," remarked third year Engineering student Genevieve Noel, amongst a group of agreeing colleagues.

Representatives of the Women's Union, however, remain

unimpressed with The Pot, or its pledges.

"Granted that there is increased acknowledgement of females in the new issue, they continue to presume that all freshmen are males only. They are still not giving us the recognition we deserve," said Jennifer Schacker, one of the Union's six co-ordinators.

"We are not the prudes that the Engineering Faculty makes us out to be. We are not anti-faunch, we are anti-sexist. And there is no reason why the Pot should have to be sexist, or racist for that matter, to be satirical," said another co-ordinator, Jacqueline McConnell. "The 'new' Pot reflects change in a false sense of equality," she said.

Like the female students who appreciate The Pot, though, the Union's co-ordinators share at least one view if even for a different reason.

"It is not funny anymore and it will only continue to get less funny because they'll find that they'll have no social perceptions to illuminate to us. They only have one foundation - sexism," said Schacker.

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SENATE

Religious Studies 1 rep
Music 1 rep

Dentistry 1 rep
Science 1 rep
Education 1 rep

Candidates must be members of the McGill Students' Society and:

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Nominations must be signed by at least 50 members of the McGill Students' Society who are in the same Faculty as the prospective candidate, or 25% of the students enrolled in their Faculty together with their year and faculty, whichever is the lesser of the two.

N.B. Students in Continuing Education are NOT members of Students' Society.

Official nomination forms are available at the Students' Society General Office, Room 105, 3480 McTavish Street. All nomination forms must have the candidate's signature, together with his/her year and faculty, address and telephone number. A pen sketch of 100 words or less and a photo of the nominee must be handed in with the nomination. All nominations must be submitted to the Students' Society General Office in the Union Building no later than:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th 1987, 4:30pm — c/o Leslie Copeland, Operations Secretary, Students' Society General Office (Union 105)

Christina Sbrocchi
Chief Returning Officer

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WHEREAS it is imperative to secure the ongoing financial security and growth of the Students' Society;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the McGill Students' Council form the "Yes" committee for the fee referendum.

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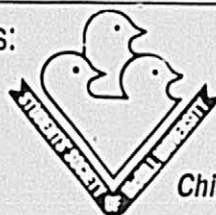
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2. A fee increase of \$3.00 per semester for all other full-time undergraduate students; and,
3. A fee increase of \$1.50 per semester for part-time students registered in the faculties of Arts, Music, Management, Engineering, Education, Science, the School of Social Work, Physical and Occupational Therapy and Nursing; and,
4. A fee increase of \$1.08 per semester for all other part-time students; and,
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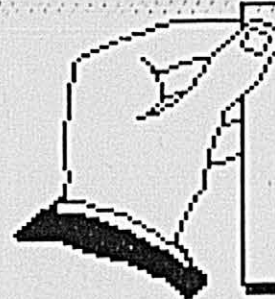
These increases effective January, 1988.

WOMEN

Work as District Returning Officers during McGill Elections:
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Slipping through the defences

by Stephanie Lachowicz

Some students are upset that two companies with ties to the military were allowed to participate in McGill's annual Career Day on Tuesday.

All companies were screened by the McGill Southern Africa Committee for their investment policies in South Africa. However, no procedures were set up to screen companies for military involvement.

Both CAE Electronics and Northern Telecom Ltd. are known for selling their products to military interests. Both companies were present at Career Day.

Career Day was organized by AIESEC McGill, a student organization that brings together business and academics. AIESEC does not screen companies it invites to participate in career day.

"We send letters to companies asking them if they'd like to have a booth here. The ones that answer

are checked out with SAC. That's all the screening policy we have," said Veronique Lajoie, an AIESEC member.

The Students' Society of McGill administers the Union Ballroom, where Career Day was held. They also do not screen companies for their military involvement. "We don't have any screening policy in the sense that (groups) have to check with us first. We don't screen companies and tell them that they can't come to Career Day," said Terry Sbrissa, SSMU VP Internal.

McGill's campus disarmament group, Project Ploughshares, was not asked to screen participating companies. "We were never even approached," said Angie Barrados, a Ploughshares member.

CAE Electronics produces technological equipment for military and commercial aviation. When asked about its military involvement, CAE Electronics

downplayed its role.

"60-65 percent of our sales go to the commercial sector. The military is a minor part of our sales. The military is not the main thing we're doing," said Louise Mercier, a CAE staff representative.

According to Arms Canada, Northern Telecom is the fifteenth largest recipient of defence contracts. However, Northern Telecom flatly denied any involvement with the military.

"At the present time, we have no defense contracts at all. The main products we've got are related to the telephone industry. We deal with personal, business, and data communications. Computer to computer," said Angelo Guercioni, a Northern Telecom PR officer.

Other highlights of the day included animal rights activists protesting the presence of McDonald's at Career day being escorted off the premises.

Senate McGlasnost

by Susie Petersiel

McGill's Senate Committee on Women has voiced objections to Dean of Students Irwin Gopnik's plans to appoint his own associate dean, contrary to established procedure.

"An appointment by the Dean would confirm women in a subordinate position, and we reject that," said Dr. Margaret Gillet, a committee member. "He shouldn't be in the position to choose his successor—he's not a king."

The committee put together a motion at their meeting last Tuesday which states, "That a search committee, headed by the Vice-Principal (Academic), be struck by the Principal to fill the present vacancy of Associate Dean of Students."

This motion was brought before Senate on Wednesday, September 30 by Ms. Suzy Slavin, and will be discussed and voted on at the next Senate meeting.

The Dean/Associate Dean positions are supposed to be male-female balanced, but as Dr. Gillet

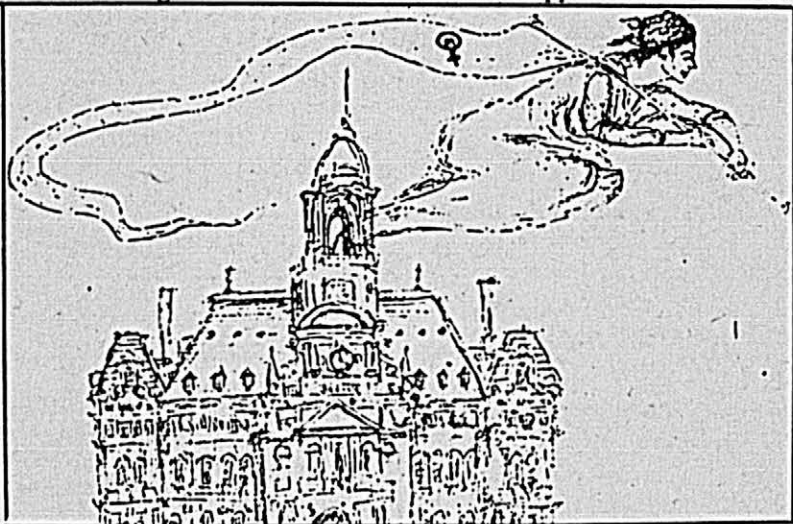
pointed out "there hasn't been a female Dean of Students since that policy was introduced 15 years ago."

The SCW also discussed another important proposal from the Women's Union that non-sexist language be employed in the classroom. "The proposal is going ahead," said Chair Vivienne Livick.

"We must be vigilant," added Dr. Gillet. "I received the revisions to the 'Regulations on Research' policy in the staff handbook, and all the professors and researchers are assumed to be male. Only male pronouns are used, and since the administration has a policy of non-sexist language, I think they must go through the expense of reprinting the revisions."

In other business, Livick reported encouraging responses to a sexual harassment pamphlet put together by Professor Joan Bénétau. It was distributed in the orientation package and at the residences. All faculty members, par-

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EVENTS

Today
Bangladesh Indigenous People's Support Committee: General Meeting and discussion of conditions in Tripura, India. 18h00. CDAS seminar room, 3715 Peel.
Montréal United Nations Youth Division: First meeting. Come and see what's planned for the year. 17h00. Leacock 14.
Development and Peace Group: General meeting. New members welcome. 17h00. Union B-09.
South Africa Committee: Meeting and more!!! 19h30. Union 410.
Black Students' Network: *Tightrope Time* by Walter Borden. Tickets \$5.00. 16h30. Union 404. More Info: 848-0727.
Undergraduate Library Term Paper Research Workshop: One hour workshop on how to research

your term paper. 13h00-14h00: Humanities research. 17h00-18h00: Social Sciences research. Undergraduate Library Reference Desk. Now ya know.
School of Community and Public Affairs and the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy: Guest speaker: Robert Meilbloner. Topic: Beyond a Veiled Economics. 16h30. Concordia Hall Building. 1455 de Maisonneuve West. Room 435.
Centre for East Asian Studies and the Montréal Consulate General of Japan: Film: *Big Boys, Small Sorrows* (Shin Yurukobi Kanashimi Ikutoshitsuki). In Japanese with English subtitles. 16h00. FDAA, 3450 University Street.
McGill Ski Team: General Meet-

ing. All experienced skiers welcome. 16h30. COTC Lounge, Currie Gym.
McGill Film Society: Film: *The Grapes of Wrath*. 19h00. Union Ballroom.
McGill Rowing Team: First Annual McGill Rowing Team Ergathon. Three machines! Twelve hours! Non-stop!! Be there. 6h30-18h30. In front of Undergraduate Library. Rain Location: Union Cafeteria.
McGill Squash Club: Club night followed by après-squash. 19h00. Currie Gym Squash Courts. More Info: 256-6654
McGill Cheerleading: Tryouts for basketball season. Registration at 16h00 sharp. Currie Gym: Auxiliary Gym/Gymnastics Room..nuff said.

CANADASCAN

Saving students' vote

VANCOUVER (CUP) An NDP MLA has introduced a private members bill to safeguard provincial voting rights for students and other non-traditional voters.

The bill would preserve the right to vote on election day by allowing those people already registered in another riding to re-register in the riding of their residence.

The bill stands in opposition to Social Credit Bill 28, which would eliminate election day registrations.

Several other community groups are protesting the Social Credit Bill as it would deny voting rights to transient groups like the poor.

"The (social credit) bill is a plastered document designed to keep the government in power," said MLA Gordon Hanson. "People are losing votes and the right to change their government."

But Bob Patterson, B.C.'s deputy chief electoral officer, said that under the government's proposed bill students would have ample time to register prior to the election.

He said expanded Section 80 election day registration, as proposed by Gordon Hanson, could lead to "confusion and congestion at the polls."

What would Helen say?

VANCOUVER (CUP) The Trojan Horse rolled onto the University of British Columbia campus recently, but it was filled with condoms, not soldiers.

As part of a publicity stunt to promote AIDS awareness, several students dressed as gladiators threw 10,000 condoms and AIDS pamphlets from a truck built into a huge horse.

The condoms, not surprisingly, were Trojan brand: "Only the best for UBC students," said Alma Mater Society director of administration, Tim Bird.

The stunt cost the AMS \$1,450, but Bird said the wholesale condom price kept the event from becoming expensive.

Besides, he said, "It's hard to put a price on an awareness stunt. Many people entering the university are often uneducated and sheltered about safe sex and it's the responsibility of older students to educate them."

Protesting extra fee

CALGARY (CUP) Student councillors are taking University of Alberta administrators to court over a mandatory library and computer services fee imposed on all full-time undergraduate students.

The student council's lawyers are attempting to have the \$30 per semester fee which commences this September declared invalid by the court as a form of "backdoor tuition", forcing students to pay a tuition increase of more than the ten per cent limit set by Alberta's Minister of Advanced Education, Dave Russell.

The university administration claims the new fee is necessary to meet the rising costs of computer and library facilities.

Since the fee will be fed directly into the U of A's general operating budget and not into a specific library/computer fund, the students union feels justified in calling it a form of tuition.

Paul LaGrange, vice-president of external affairs for the union, said if the court agrees with their suit, "it would force the minister to address the whole issue of ancillary fees."

The court date has been postponed from September 4 to later on this fall. In the meantime, full-time students at the U of A paid \$30 more when they registered. The money will be returned to them if the court declares the fee invalid.

Unemployed unionize

TORONTO (CUP) Ontario's unemployed workers are angry.

And after years of struggling in shame to feed their children on the few dollars left after the rent is paid, they have unionized.

On September 14, twelve members of the London Union of Unemployed Workers reached the Ontario Legislature with a petition demanding an immediate 25 per cent increase in the new provincial government's welfare rate.

They had just spent nine days walking on the highway from London in the March Against Poverty.

The Union is not only made up of the unemployed but also includes many under-employed people. This means people who find "dead-end, low-paying part-time work and then are unemployed again and facing poverty," says union president, John Clarke.

"Life can be a Stephen King novel sometimes"

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HYDE PARK

Making a killing

Your career is important to you; it should fulfill your needs and expectations. But do your goals include building a career on the manufacture of weapons and military equipment?

Many of the companies represented at yesterday's career day didn't give you the full story of their activities at home and abroad.

CAE Electronics was one of the companies recruiting and giving out information yesterday. The company provides flight simulators for about 40% of the world's civil aircraft market. It is also one of the largest members of Canada's military industrial base, with 50% of its sales based in the defense market.

Over twenty countries operate CAE military flight simulators for aircrafts such as the European Tornado fighter aircraft, the French Alpha Jet Trainers, the E-3A AWACS aircrafts, the C-130 Hercules Transport, the P-3C Orion, the CP-140 anti-submarine warfare aircraft and a variety of military helicopters.

Northern Telecom Ltd., another company that was at career day, was Canada's fifteenth largest contract recipient from the Department of National Defense between 1981 and 1985, receiving \$24 million dollars.

Due to Student Society requirements, no companies with South African investments were represented at career day this year. However, Henry Birks and Sons were there. Birks purchases South African diamonds, although they do not violate any Canadian government regulations prohibiting investments in South Africa.

Many large corporations, including others that were at career day, have questionable policies and practices regarding the environment and global trade and investments. In the third world, large corporations play a large role in supporting repressive regimes, exploiting labour, and selling goods of inferior qualities than allowed in North America.

Your choice of employer has important social implications. By contributing your talent and education to one part of an organization you are, in effect, supporting the actions of the entire corporation.

Research the activities of your perspective employer before getting involved.

Alice Murnighan
Angie Barrados
Project Ploughshares

McGill students adopt abroad

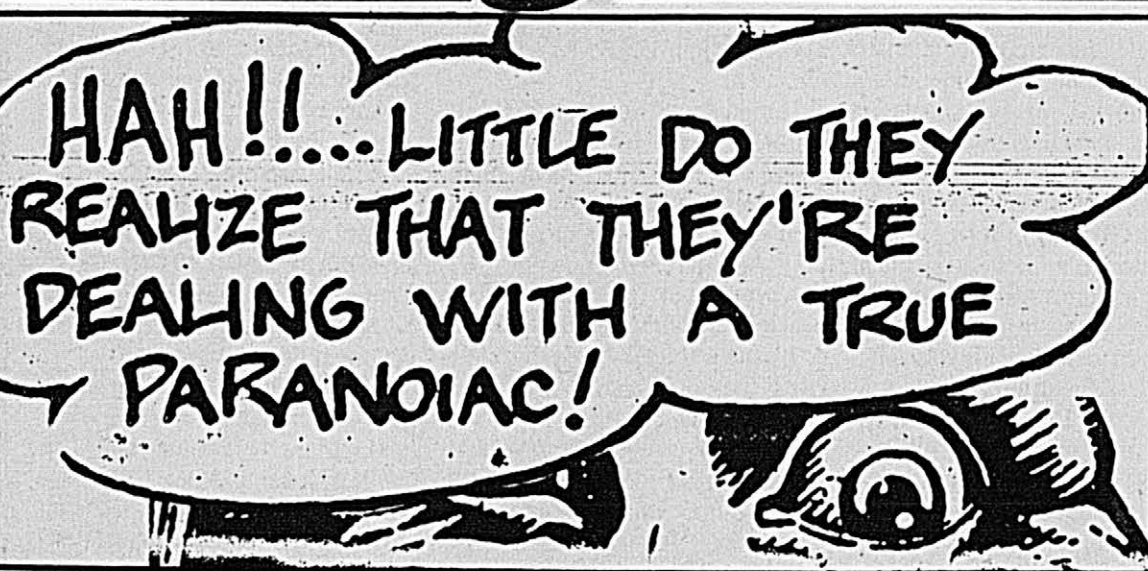
The McGill Foster Parents Association (McFospa) is a union of students and others interested in supporting poverty stricken children world-wide. This support involves raising money to be sent to Third World children through Foster Parents Plan of Canada.

Currently, the club has two foster children. The first child, since January of 1983, is an 11 year-old male from Mongdin, Burkina-Faso (formerly Upper Volta). The second child, since February of 1984, is a 13 year old female from Tambillo, Bolivia. The club is regularly informed of their progress from the numerous letters and pictures sent.

McFOSPA aims to open the eyes of the McGill community to the suffering (poverty, unhealthy water, malnutrition, poor shelter, clothing and medical care) that many innocent children face needlessly. More than 40 000 children under the age of 15 die in the world every day from disease and malnutrition. That's the population of Windsor every six days or of Saskatoon every three (close to 15 million per year). If the political will existed, more than half of these lives could be saved with a lot less money than one might imagine, using the international agencies that now exist. (James Ferrabee, *The Gazette*, June 28, 1986).

McFOSPA, through Foster Parents Plan of Canada, not only serves its foster children in Bolivia and Burkina-Faso, but also, the McGill community by informing students and staff about everyday problems in the Third World. Success in this area is evident by the fact that some campus organizations (Medical Students' Society, fraternities, etc.) are now also supporting needy children, since the founding of McFOSPA six years ago.

Some of the fund raising activities planned for this year include a major party at Douglas Hall, a fraternity party, a t-shirt sale, bakesales, and the screening of feature films. At an organizational level, the club is looking for help for all of these activities. If you are an individual looking to acquire organizational experience for the job market, to make new friends or simply to have a good time while contributing to a good cause, then be involved; join McFOSPA. McFOSPA can be contacted at 398-6819, Union room 414. The first general meeting of the year will be held on Friday October 9, at 18h15 in Union 410. Everyone is welcome! Please, come and discover what McFOSPA is all about. Together, we can help make a difference.



LETTERS

To the Daily:

On Monday, September 21, the *McGill Daily* made former South African ambassador to Canada, Glenn Babb's day. Susie Strachan's article, "South Africa Educates Natives" was a horror and a disappointment. For a so-called progressive paper to have printed such blatant right-wing propaganda puts its credibility into question.

It is true "the South African government offered to provide bursaries and placement at universities for Native Canadians." That's hardly something to be celebrated. Those same universities are closed to Black South Africans and are slowly becoming armed encampments to stifle growing White student protest to the apartheid system.

Eldon Bellegarde appears to be a nasty political opportunist who has played beautifully into the hands of the South African government and more specifically has promoted Glen Babb's nifty little pre-retirement propaganda ploy. What a victory for him to have the oppressed of Canada stand up for the oppressors of South Africa! (By the way, most native leaders condemned Bellegarde's actions and continue to do so.)

Oliver Tambo, head of the ANC, was recently in Canada upon invitation of Canada's Conservative government. Bellegarde's reactionary namecalling of the ANC is no longer acceptable by any political stripe.

According to the South African government, most White South Africans, and Bellegarde, the South African security force "cleans up water in a crossroads settlement." According to the rest of the world it imprisons, tortures, and murders men, women, and children.

Bellegarde claims to have seen no oppression of the Blacks. Does he honestly think as an invited guest of the South African government he would be given guided tours of the mines, bantustans, and prisons.

Bellgarde's denial of the oppression of Blacks in South Africa is similar to Keegstra's denial of the holocaust. To accord Bellgarde any kind of respect is to harm both the native people's of both South Africa and Canada.

Hopefully, most can see through these sickening lies. That an editor on the *Daily* could not is extremely upsetting.

I'm an avid supporter of the *McGill Daily*. However, mistakes like this are absolutely unacceptable.

Gwen Schulman
Arts U2

ed note: We recognize that there were journalistic flaws in the wire copy, and in retrospect regret printing the story. However, the Daily printing a news story reporting on Bellgarde's views should not be seen as an endorsement of them. We also regret omitting half your letter the first time we printed it.

To the Daily:

At the present time there are just four student representatives on the Board of Governors of McGill University. I agree with those who believe that this must change. The sooner it is the better.

I do not think it is appropriate for the Vice President of University Affairs of the Students' Society to be elected to the Board of Governors. Ms. Battaglia had a point when she said, "Four student reps is not proportional to the number of students at the university." (the *McGill Daily*, Monday, September 28). Something should be done about it. However, getting a second member of the SSMU Executive on the Board through the back door is not the way to do it.

I strongly disagree with Ms. Battaglia's reasoning for her election. The primary individual responsible for representing the stu-

dent population at the various levels of the University's decision-making process is the President of the SSMU. If not, or if s/he can't, then s/he shouldn't be there. If the President needs help, then increase the size of the Board of Governors to accommodate greater student representation. An executive elected by and from the SSMU Council, to be elected by and from Senate to Board of Governors, without ever having received a mandate directly from the people is clearly wrong.

The ideal number of student representatives should be twelve. Of these, seven should be undergraduate, three graduate, one from McDonald College, and the President of the SSMU. If twelve is not achievable, then the minimum should be three undergraduates and one graduate along with the other two.

To conclude, I hope the members of the Senate have rejected the Battaglia candidacy. I believe a victory would weaken any future prospects of convincing the Board of Governors to increase their size for greater student representation.

Richard Proulx
Political Science U3

To the Daily:

What fun to read your comprehensive and interesting article on the ozone layer. You certainly covered the main factors very well and highlighted the concerns of many in your article. I can see you do a lot of careful preparation for your presentations.

The acid rain was another good topic also well covered. In fact, I wonder how many of my 110A students saw your articles before writing this morning's exam — which asked them the kinds of questions your two articles discussed. Keep up the good work.

Dr. Norman Drummond
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FEATURE

Leonard Peltier and frontier justice

Ten years and waiting

I hope you people out there don't just "ooh" and "aah" and just sit there and do nothing 'cause there's a difference between right and wrong. If you look into the facts, you just might find it.

Native man, Wounded Knee, 1973

by Sara Shields

While many people find it easy to condemn the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela in South Africa, they ignore the mistreatment of Native North Americans that has led to the incarceration of Leonard Peltier for more than ten years.

In Leavenworth Penitentiary in Kansas, Peltier, an Ojibwe-Lakota man, is serving two consecutive life sentences despite undeniable evidence that the case against him was fabricated by the FBI.

On June 26, 1975, two unidentified FBI special Agents, Ron Williams and Jack Coler, entered the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. They drove an unmarked car and had neither a warrant nor authorization to enter the compound. Without warning, the two men opened fire.

In February, 1973, the American Indian Movement (AIM) was in-

On the day of the shoot-out, Wilson was signing a contract giving the federal government one-eighth of the reservation, thereby contravening the government treaty and council by-laws.

When the FBI opened fire, four native men in the compound, thinking they were under GOON attack, returned fire. The exchange resulted in the death of both FBI agents and of a Pine Ridge man, Joe Killsright Stuntz. Four native men, Jimmy Eagle, Robert Robideau, Dino Butler and Leonard Peltier, were indicted for the death of the agents. No one was charged with Stuntz' death although he was clearly shot execution style — in the head, at close range.

Both Robideau and Butler were eventually tried and acquitted by a court in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on the grounds of self-defense. Peltier fled to Canada.

Charges against the third man, Jimmy Eagle, were dropped so that,

tences.

Now, ten years later, the International Indigenous People's Solidarity Tour is travelling through Central Canada to encourage a new trial for Peltier in the U.S. Supreme Court. Stephen Robideau, Peltier's cousin, spoke at UQAM on Saturday night. "The people's struggle will free Nelson Mandela and Leonard Peltier," said the organizers, who have linked the two cases together in solidarity with South African and Native American political prisoners.

AIM has been a constant target of FBI harassment since its beginning. The foundations of AIM were set in 1968, when four Native American ex-prisoners united to offer social

services and legal aid to Native Americans forced into the city by illegal termination of land rights. They also established survival schools to help urban Native Americans preserve the traditional values of their culture. AIM opposes assimilation into Euro-

American culture and seeks to re-emphasize Native culture, halt land expropriation and strongly advocates the concept of sovereign Indian Nations.

In 1973, three hundred traditional Native people and members of AIM had peacefully occupied Wounded Knee, declaring it an independent Sioux Nation. They vowed to remain until Native treaties had been reviewed and until the U.S. Senate investigated the treatment of American Indians. Federal Marshalls arrived on the scene but AIM continued the occupation for 72 days. In May 1973, a promise was made by the U.S. to

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Steven Robideau in Montréal

vited to Wounded Knee, a village on the Pine Ridge reservation, to help the people protect their land from the corruption of Dick Wilson, the Bureau of Indian Affairs-backed tribal chairman of the reservation at the time. Wilson had been elected in 1972 and was more interested in selling the uranium and oil-rich land of the reservation to the U.S. government than he was in assuring the survival of his people and culture. During the years of his administration, Wilson used federal money to employ, train and own a police force, known to the people of Pine Ridge as the 'GOONS' — Guardians of the Ogala Nation. They made repeated attempts to destroy the popular AIM movement on the reservation.

as FBI documents state, the full weight of government prosecution could be directed against Peltier.

Peltier was extradited from Canada on the basis of FBI affidavits later shown to be fraudulent. His case, which was to have been tried by the same judge as Robideau and Butler, was mysteriously moved to Fargo, North Dakota and was presided over by a sequestered jury. The judge refused to permit any evidence of FBI misconduct in the case, which included harassment of witnesses and suppression of critical evidence, to be presented to the court.

In April, 1977, Peltier was convicted on two accounts of first degree murder and sentenced to serve two consecutive life sen-

A ray of hope

by Kristina Stockwood

Despite denial of FBI misconduct by the U.S. judicial system, Leonard Peltier may yet be released from prison due to domestic, Canadian, and international pressure.

In an interview with the *Daily* last Saturday, Peltier's cousin and chief organizer of his campaign, Steven Robideau said, "We'll have a decision next week on whether the case will be heard in the U.S. Supreme Court."

There is further hope for release in a motion before Canada's House of Commons to return him to Canada, which extradited him in 1976.

As well, "Several countries have expressed interest in him as a political refugee," said Robideau, citing the Soviet Union, Germany, Sweden and Holland. "He's going to accept any offer that will get him out of his six by

six foot cage."

Though Peltier's case has gained international recognition, according to Robideau, "We have to face reality - it's incredible that we've been able to generate such support."

"But once we've exhausted the judicial process, we're afraid the prison guards will try to assassinate him or put him in solitary confinement to break his spirit."

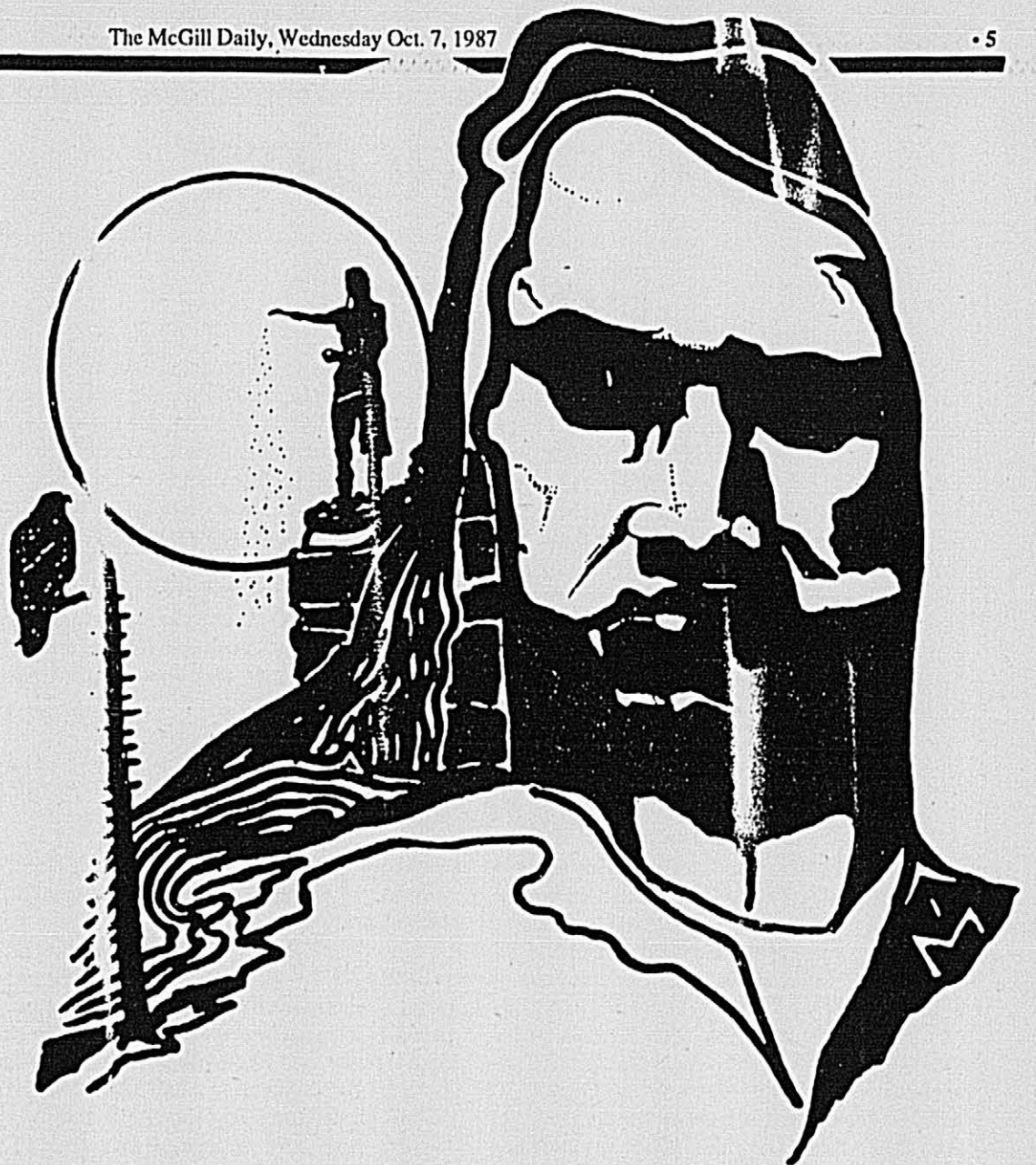
Peltier is going blind in one eye, due to medical inattention. But according to Robideau, "Leonard is optimistic and in good health otherwise." Yet he still faces ongoing hostility. "He gets called a 'Red Indian' and now a 'Commie'," because two Soviet doctors examined his eye.

Public support such as "mass phone calls and letters keep Leonard safe but once the case is lost, that safeguard could be useless," he said. "The government is trying to control the spirit of the

people, which they're never going to do. In the mean time, how many more Mandelas will there be?"

He pointed to the Donald Marshall case as an illustration of "the corruption of the courts that also goes on in Canada. (These native North Americans) are more than just people who are labelled criminals going through a corrupt political system," said Robideau. "We are also fighting for the determination of ourselves and of our lands. They are trying to annihilate us through the deprivation of our land."

Robideau is not that optimistic that Peltier will be released soon, but said that he and Nelson Mandela "provide a unique example for all people of how we must fight for justice." We must start to "amend and disentangle the racism of South Africa," he said, which is comparable to treatment of indigenous peoples of North America.



SPORTSHORTS

Football

The Redmen beat the Carleton Ravens 17-14 Saturday in Ottawa. Running back Mike Soles provided the two touchdowns in the last fifteen minutes of the game bringing the team back from a first-half 14-2 deficit. Soles ran for 110 yards, 97 of them in the second half. He now becomes number two on McGill's all-time rushing list, with 1293 yards. Gerry Ifill ran for 112 yards, the first time in at least 25 years that the Redmen have had two players rush for over 100 yards in one game. He was voted QUAA Athlete of the week for the second time this year, as well as OQIFC football player of the week, and offensive player

of the game. He was also named September Molson Cup offensive player of the month, while defensive end Alain Delorme, from St. Jean, Quebec, was defensive player of the month. Other players were Vincent Gagné (defensive player) and defensive captain Wayne McRae (special teams), who blocked a kick, recovered a fumble, and had three tackles in Saturday's game.

The Redmen play at Concordia on Saturday, October 10, at 13h00. Both teams have 2-2 records, with 3 games left before the playoffs. If either team wins the next 2 games, they clinch second place in the league.

Soccer

The Martlets won the Concordia Invitational Tournament this weekend, beating Sherbrooke 3-2 in the preliminaries, with goals by Barbara Bruckert, Naomi Hasegawa and Michelle Jolicoeur. They blanked Concordia 5-0 for the championship, led by Melinda Whiteside's two goals (she now leads the team with 9 goals and 2 assists), and the shutout by Lauren Sergio, a Connecticut native. Whiteside won the QUAA female athlete of the week award for her performance. The Martlets host the UQTR Patriotes Friday, October 9, 18h00, and then travel to Sher-

brooke for a 14h00 game on Saturday. Sherbrooke is ahead by 2 points, so this game is a battle for first place in the league.

The Redmen beat the Sherbrooke Vert et Or 7-0 on Friday, led by Montréal native John Hayward's 4 goals. He now leads the league with 7 goals in 4 games. Other goals were scored by Carlo Gualtieri, Mike Heaney, and Jeremy Prupas, with the shutout going to Kosta Kouremenos, his second of the season. The Redmen host the UQTR Patriotes Friday, October 9, and are looking to up their 11 year regular season undefeated streak to 40 games.

Rugby

The women's rugby team met up with the Princeton women's rugby team last Saturday, and shut them out 10-0. They finished off the weekend by beating Marianopolis 8-4 on Sunday.

Women's field hockey

The women's field hockey team participated in the OWIAA Tournament at Trent this weekend, but came away disappointed and goalless, losing 4-0 to Laurier on Saturday, and 1-0 to Queen's on Sunday.

Volleyball

The Martlets volleyball team placed third of seven at the Plattsburgh State Invitational this weekend, behind St. Lawrence and Clarkson.

Elaine Wai, a first-year Engineering student from Vancouver, was selected as McGill's player for the all-tournament team. She has had 26 kills and 5 stuffed blocks over 14 games.

Rowing

Two of McGill's boats rowed this weekend at the Head of the Trent regatta. The men's varsity eight came in third of eight, with a time of 16:11, 20 seconds behind first-place Queen's, for the 4 and a quarter kilometre race. The women's varsity eight came in fourth of eight, with a time of 18:59. Western women came in first.

Today is the First Annual McGill Rowing Club

Ergathon. It will take place from 06h30-18h30 on the Redpath Library Terrace, or in the Union Building in case of rain. 3 Concept II rowing ergometers will be kept in continuous use for 12 hours. All the members of the club including coxswains will row on these machines for 40 minutes each. The money raised will be used toward the purchase and maintenance of equipment.

Hockey

The Redmen open their 112th season with a tournament at UQTR this coming weekend. They play Ryerson on Friday, October 9, with the

championship and consolation games on Saturday, October 10. The Redmen are the world's first and oldest official hockey team.

Miscellaneous

The cross-country running team participates Saturday, October 10 in the Sherbrooke Invitational Meet.

The badminton team plays this Saturday, October 10, in Sherbrooke at the Sherbrooke Invitational Badminton Tournament.

Redmen back on track

by Kim Fedor

The Redmen soccer team got back on the winning track with their 7-0 victory over Sherbrooke Vert et Or on Friday night.

This important home field win re-establishes the Redmen's winning style and brings the team's season record to 3-1. It proves that last week's 1-0 loss to Concordia, the first Redmen loss in the past 61 games of regular season play, was no indication of what to expect for the upcoming season.

The Redmen dominated from the beginning, and scored consistently throughout the match while maintaining a driving offence. John Hayward led the scoring, racking up four goals, an even two in each half. The other first half goals were scored by mid-fielder Carlo Galti-

eri with a shot from the eighteen yard line, and by Jeremy Prupas with a header. The final goal was scored by Mike Heaney in a goal mouth scramble.

Redmen defence, led by sweeper Hugh Quenne, was effective at shutting out any scoring attempts by Sherbrooke.

The Redmen are vying with main rivals Concordia and Sherbrooke for the best standing in the league to insure the most advantageous position in the Quebec playoffs. The first place finisher in the league gets a bye to the final match, while the second and third place teams play in the semi-final match.

The team's loss to Concordia means that they must win all of their games to keep up their chances for first place. A tie for first in league play results in first place going to the team with the best goal average.

...Leonard Peltier

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begin negotiations concerning grievances of Native Nations.

Two years later, the situation remained critical. Between March, 1973 and March 1976, there was a build-up of FBI personnel in and around the reservation. More than 250 people were killed, primarily AIM activists and traditional peoples of the Lakota Nation.

The shoot-out of June 26, 1975, is widely interpreted as being staged to divert the attention of the people of Pine Ridge from the negotiations between Wilson and the U.S. government that day.

Given the history of the government's actions against AIM members and supporters, the injustice of Peltier's trial is no longer surprising. Yet it remains unjust.

The verdict relied upon the "crucial evidence" of a shell casing found a few feet from Coler's body, alleged to have been fired from a AR-15 rifle attributed to Peltier. Government documents, obtained after the trial, reveal that the gun alleged to have been Peltier's could not have fired the bullets.

Peltier has had two requests for a new trial refused. On October 15, 1985, the appeal to the second refusal was argued be-

fore a three member panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Although it expressed "discomfort with the decision," it refused to grant Peltier a new trial. It stated, "There is a possibility that the jury would have acquitted Leonard Peltier had the records and data improperly withheld from the defense been available to him in order to better exploit and re-inforce the inconsistencies casting strong doubts upon the government's case."

Despite petitions and appeals signed on Peltier's behalf by over 60 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 60 members of Parliament, church leaders from 72 denominations world-wide, including Desmond Tutu, demanding either a new trial for Peltier or a fair extradition trial in Canada, he remains in prison.

Even though Peltier was convicted, the Court of Appeals wrote that the FBI's actions gave "some credence to the claim of... Indian people that the United States is willing to resort to any tactic in order to bring somebody back to the U.S. from Canada... And if they are willing to do that, they must be willing to fabricate other evidence. And it's no wonder that (they) are unhappy and disbelieve the things that happen in our courts."

...McGlasnost

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ticularly Associate Deans, should have one. "It's a good idea if it gets very wide distribution," said Livick.

As McGill is no longer involved with the University Club, a motion may soon be brought before senate to prevent any university function from being held at other facilities which do not allow women members.

McGill did not receive a Québec grant to investigate issues concerning women, said Livick. "UQAM and Université de Montréal both received grants and hopefully we'll

be the next."

Dr. Gillet and Professor Laurel Bossen's proposal for the creation of a centre for research and teaching on women at McGill will soon go before Senate.

A 1976 proposal recommended such a centre, as well as the appointment of a woman Vice Principal, the appointment of a standing committee on the status of women at McGill, and the approval of an interdisciplinary minor in Women's Studies. The standing committee and the interdisciplinary minor now exist.

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Canada 'engulfed' with arms shipments

by James Young
Canadian University Press

As the Iran-Contra affair made daily headlines in the United States in November 1986, Canadians were shocked by reports that Canadian-built helicopter parts had been shipped to Iran, with Ottawa's approval. Experts said the engine components could be used by military helicopters in the war against Iraq, a conflict which had already left 500,000 dead.

Canadians' shock was barely justified. There was indeed scandal and embarrassment on Parliament Hill, since the shipments flouted a

world's current trouble spots including the U.S. bombing of Libya in the spring of 1986, the invasion of Grenada in 1983, and the ongoing civil war in El Salvador. In addition, Canadian arms manufacturers play a significant role in the construction of American nuclear missiles.

This information, accompanied by a wealth of documentation, is presented by Ernie Regehr, in his new book, *Arms Canada: The Deadly Business of Military Exports*.

"Canadians are reluctant to include the role of weapons merchant in their self-definition," says Regehr, research director for Project

Pakistan and South Korea.

"Canada's production of military commodities for export has tripled within the past six years," says Regehr.

With 20 million casualties in the 100 wars in the third world since 1945, and Canada producing about one per cent of the weapons and components exported there, Regehr infers that our country has been responsible for 200,000 deaths abroad. The estimate may not be verifiable, but it does illustrate that Canadians are unwitting participants in international violence.

Researching *Arms Canada* was not easy, says Regehr, due to government secrecy and the so-called Access to Information Act.

In November 1985, after requesting information on the permits which accompany military exports, Regehr received a sample from External Affairs, with the explanation that "considerable information will probably be exempted."

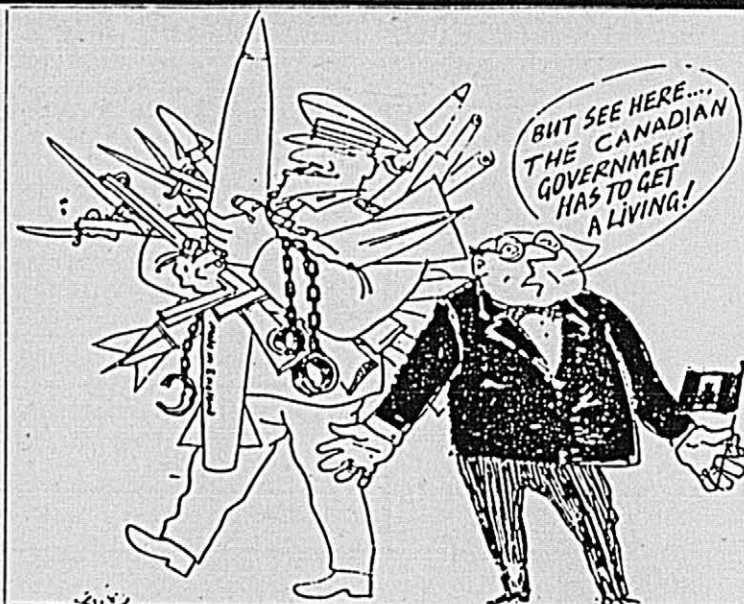
Regehr sees this note as "a remarkable example of understatement". The sample permit was essentially a blank piece of paper.

The accompanying letter went on to say that the rest of the documents would cost \$3000, the price of censoring them.

But Regehr feels confident his own research is accurate.

"I've been told that External Affairs had intended to really tear strips off it (the book) if they found errors," he says. "In fact, they haven't found those errors, and so they've been very, very silent."

Overall, Regehr says the Mulroney government has continued the disturbing long-term trend of supporting the arms indus-



try as a commercial venture - instead of one designed to meet legitimate Canadian defence needs. He points to a structural weakness within External Affairs, as the department includes both programs to restrain military exports and to promote them.

The Defence Programs Bureau, for example, publishes a glossy catalog of military products, offering foreign buyers wares ranging from plastic watercans to jet aircraft and protective clothing designed for nuclear, chemical or biological warfare.

The bureau also arranges trade fairs - which exclude the public - for promoting military products.

Another federal project, the Defence Industries Productivity Program, has given out hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies since its creation in 1959.

"The really high flying arms dealers are not sheiks and soldiers of fortune, but middle level bureaucrats in drab middle level government offices," says Regehr.

But Regehr also criticizes External Affairs minister, Joe Clark, who went to Saudi Arabia to hawk a fleet of light armored vehicles to the royal family in 1986. By doing so, Clark gave high profile support to sales of active combat equipment in a militarily sensitive area, to a government which supplies arms to Iraq and favours the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In the rest of *Arms Canada*, Regehr examines the economic delusions behind the popular image of the arms industry as a job creator, and points to how relying on

American markets can undermine Canadian independence in foreign policy.

In the final chapter, Regehr proposes ten alternative export policies the federal government could adopt. The most essential is to realize "all Canadian military production should grow out of Canadian-defined military needs" instead of viewing the arms industry as a commercial enterprise. Countering entrepreneurial rhetoric, Regehr argues that no one has a "right" to manufacture and market weapons.

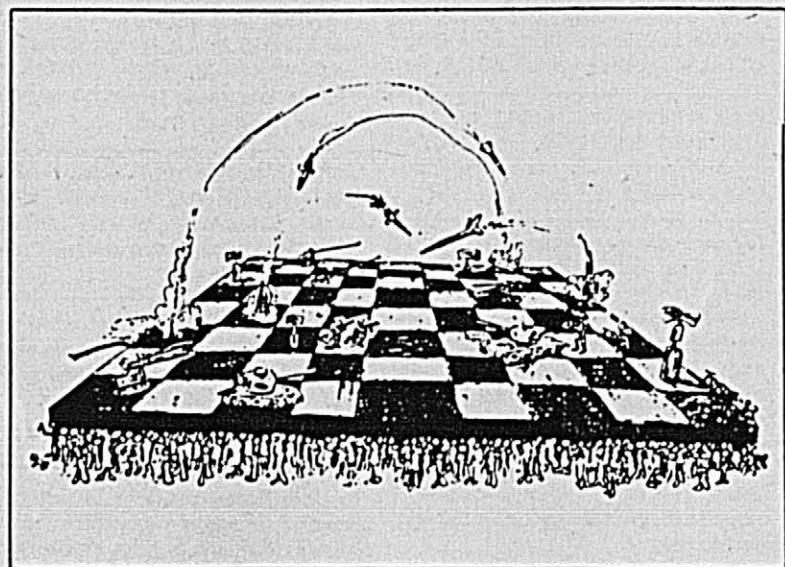
The ultimate entrepreneurial irony was perhaps when British troops in the Falklands were attacked by British-made weapons.

Moreover, arms exports should be undertaken only on a government-to-government basis, consistent with Canadian foreign policy objectives promoting international stability.

Canada also needs more effective control over the final destination of military goods and must refuse them to human rights violators. Finally, there should be a full annual public disclosure and review of exports.

"Canadians are not without choices," says Regehr. "On the one hand, this country has the technical and financial resources to become a strong competitor in the race to make the weapons of war widely available in an unrestrained global arms bazaar."

"On the other hand, it has the political and moral resources to resist dealing in weapons for the economic fun of it."



policy to refuse direct arms sales to war zones. But Canadian aircraft engines were already being used by both Iran and Iraq, after being "transformed" into military equipment in factories in Switzerland and Brazil.

The Iranian parts are not the exception to the rule.

The Canadian arms industry has been involved in almost all the

Ploughshares at the University of Waterloo.

Yet Canada's arms export industry is now worth \$2 billion annually. Eighty-five per

cent of these exports go to the U.S. but there are further direct shipments to at least 45 countries, including such brutal human rights violators as Chile, Guatemala,

LETTERS

To the Daily:

I learned recently that this year's first issue of the McGill Daily was removed from campus newsstands because it contained a sexually explicit photograph. That such blatant censorship took place — and that there was so little resistance to it and so few repercussions from it — is absolutely outrageous.

The photograph itself — an aerial view of one person's hand gripping another's penis — could be considered offensive only by the most prurient of minds and provocative only by the most easily stimulated. The quality of the picture is quite poor — composition, and depth of field seem to have been sacrificed for the sake of spontaneity — but poor lensmanship has never been grounds for banning a photo. The purpose of publishing the picture was clearly not to turn anybody on; instead it was to illustrate a legitimate news story, which should be of interest to many McGill students, with the most relevant image available: a reprint of the impugned photograph. In fact, I think that it would be entirely

appropriate for the famous photo to accompany this letter. I would think that your readers might want to know what I am talking about.

With few exceptions, the administration of the University has no right to interfere with the publication of the *Daily* (or the *Tribune*, or the *Plumber's Pot*, for that matter). The student newspapers are published by and for adults, and unless there is a serious chance that one or more individuals will actually suffer harm as a result of a picture of a story, the administration should not intervene. The *Daily* should demand an explanation for the actions of Mr. Kingdon *et al* in this matter, and if inadequate justification is provided an apology should be requested.

One more point. It is sad to see the McGill Daily — the oldest student organ (if I may use that word) of its kind in Canada — take this lying down. The only substantial complaint I have seen from the *Daily* concerns the potential loss of advertising revenue. Whatever happened to raving editorials railing against any type of restraint on free-

dom of the press? Whatever happened to fanatical adherence to principles? And why hasn't anybody else been upset enough about this to write?

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To the editor:

In Evelyn Ligale's October 5th article "Metro Riders Pay More for Less," a few things were conveniently forgotten or glossed over:

- 1) CTCUM passengers pay on the average only 24 percent of the total transit cost; Québec pays 44 percent, the MUC 28 percent and ads bring the other 4 percent.
- 2) The CTCUM has actually increased services with Planibus, rider polls, improved bicycle rules and a strong possibility of returning all-night bus service.
- 3) In case you've been mouldering in the Union basement for the past three years, Québec is in the throes of a serious budget deficit. The government can barely afford to fix roads and improve social programs (did I hear Education?) without

having to give a "paltry" \$35 million to the CTCUM. Québécois already pay the highest taxes in the country; there's almost nothing left untaxed. Besides, do you really think someone in Sherbrooke or Gaspé will be pleased to hear that his/her taxes are being spent on Montréalers instead of in his/her riding?

4) Despite Pierre Bouchard's worst case scenario, the hike will probably be only 4 percent in January, meaning a monthly pass of \$29.64 instead of \$28.50 (an extra \$13.68 for the year). Even a 15 percent increase will mean a pass at \$32.78 which is still 35 percent lower than Toronto's and 15 percent lower than Ottawa's. We have the cheapest transit on the continent (in terms of rider cost). A \$4.28 a month increase is not much to ask for improved services (it doesn't

bother me, and I'm living on \$350/month budget.)

Taxing motorists, as Pierre Bouchard proposes, is sheer myopia and shows lack of insight; motorists already pay too much tax on outrageously priced gasoline.

ANEQ's suggestions are, as usual, pie-in-the-sky (since they don't wind up paying for their cavalier-socialist excesses.)

I admit the CTCUM has improvements to make (West Island bus service is atrocious, and they should integrate more closely with Laval and the South Shore), but it's time to grow up, kiddies. You get what you pay for, and you can't expect the government to always foot the bill (money doesn't grow on trees).

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